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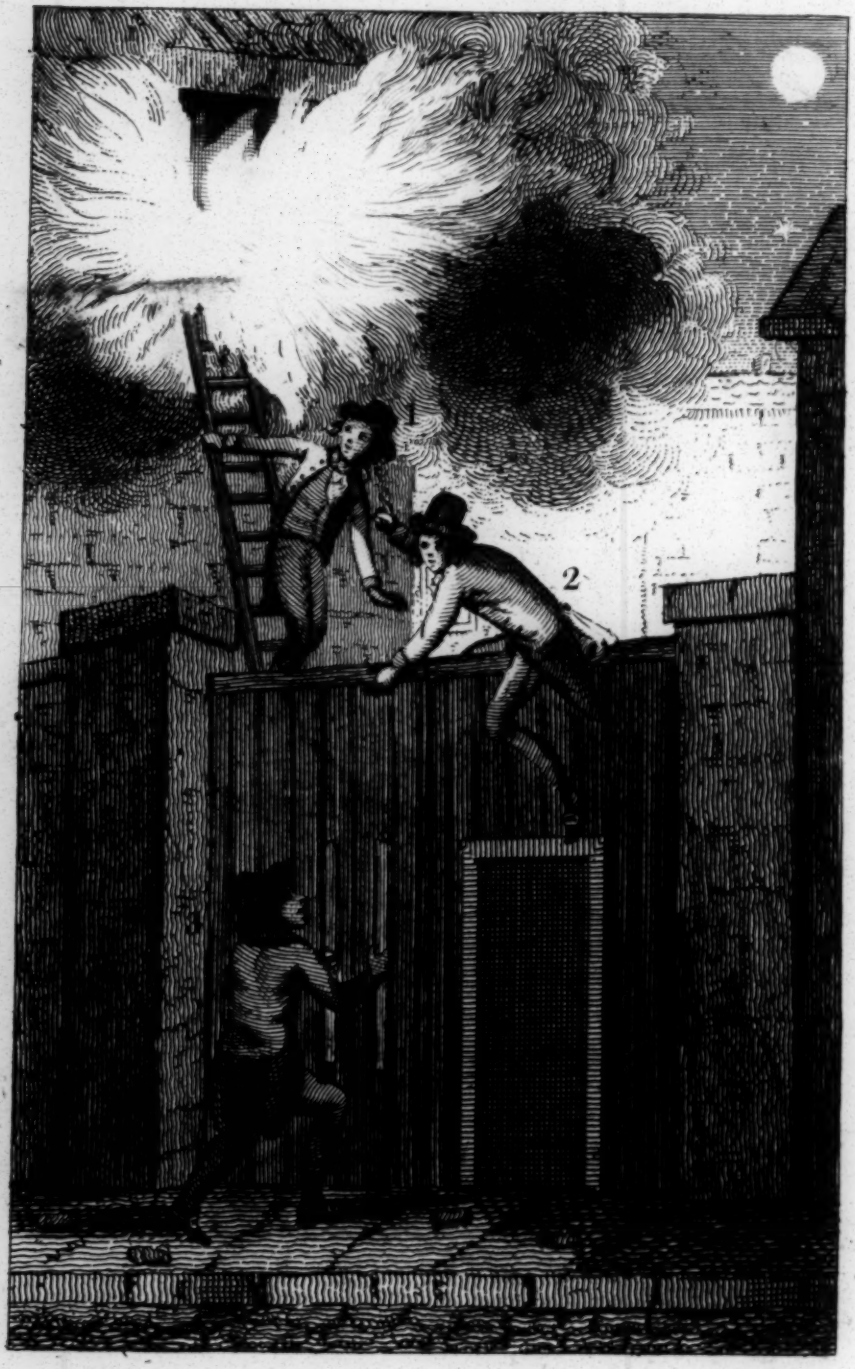

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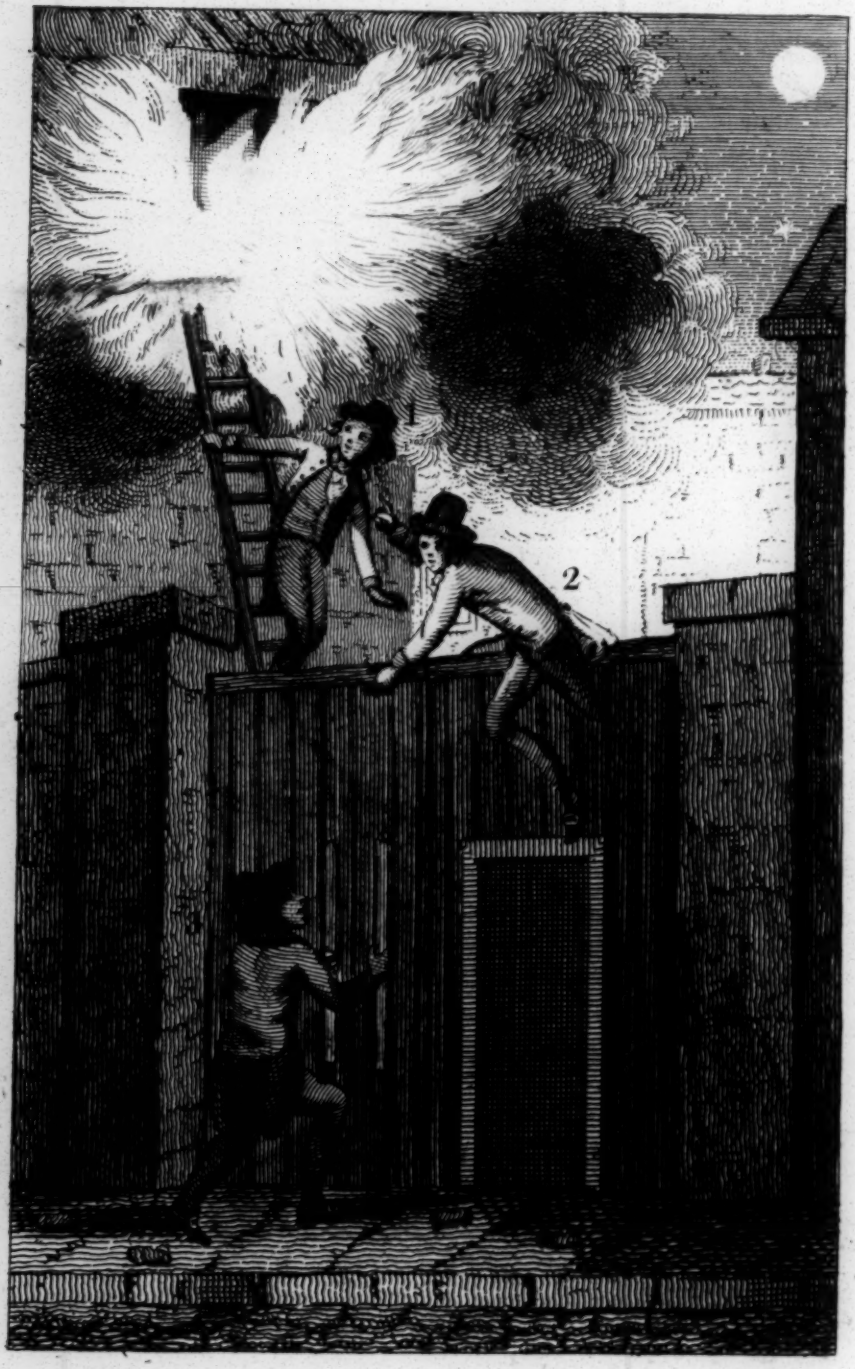

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THE

TRIAL AT LARGE

OF

Ed. Lowe and Wm. Jobbins,

BEFORE

THE RECORDER OF LONDON,

AT THE

SESSIONS HOUSE IN THE OLD BAILEY.

On Saturday the 30th of October, 1790, for not having the Fear of God before their Eyes, but being moved and instigated by the Devil, on the 16th Day of May last, at Aldersgate Street, feloniously, wilfully, and maliciously did set on fire and burn the house of Francis Gilding.

They were both found guilty. Death.

By E. HODGSON,

SHORT-HAND WRITER TO THE OLD BAILEY.

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EDWARD LOWE and WILLIAM JOBBINS were indicted for that they, not having the fear of God before their eyes, but being moved and ſeduced by the inſtigation of the Devil, on the 16th day of May laſt, at the pariſh of St. Botolph without Alderſgate, felonioufly, wilfully, and maliciouſly did ſet on fire and burn the dwelling-houſe of Francis Gilding, there ſituate, againſt the form of the ſtatute and againſt the King's peace.

A ſecond count for ſetting fire to the ſame.

Counſel for the Proſecution.

Mr. FIELDING, Mr. GARROW, and Mr. GASCOIGNE.

Counſel for the Priſoners.

Mr. KNOWLYS and M. LAWES.

The caſe was opened by *Mr. Fielding*, and the pardon of *James Flindall* was read.

James Flindall ſworn. I was convicted in May Seſſions laſt ——

Mr. Garrow. Now recollect that, in all you have to ſtate to day, you are not only to confine yourſelf to the truth, but to tell the whole truth.

A. Yes

Q. Do you know the two priſoners, Lowe and Jobbins?

A. Yes; I have been acquainted with Lowe about eight years, and Jobbins, about ſeven or eight months.

Q. What way of life was Lowe in at the time you was acquainted with him?

A. To the beſt of my remembrance, he ſerved part of his time to his father a turner.

Q. What was the other priſoner, Jobbins?

A. I know no more than hereſay: I heard ſay, he was apprentice to a Chymiſt or Apothecary.

Q. Do you remember the fire in Alderſgate-ſtreet, in May laſt?

A. Yes, it was on the 16th of May, of a Sunday morning; the priſoners and me had been in company at Lowe's houſe and ſeveral other places.

Q. State to the Court and Jury whether that fire in Alderſgate ſtreet was occaſioned by the wilful act of any perſons?

A. Yes, it was.

Q. Who were the perſons who ſet fire to that houſe?

A. Edward Lowe and William Jobbins, the two priſoners at the bar, and myſelf.

Where was it, and at what time, that it was firſt propoſed to do it?

A. On Wedneſday the 12th day of May, at Edward Lowe's houſe.

Q. Who

Q. Who were the perſons preſent at the time?

A. The two priſoners and myſelf.

Q. What paſſed?

A. On Wedneſday, the 12th of May, Edward Lowe and William Jobbins, in company with me, met at Lowe's houſe in Hartſhorn-court, Golden-lane. William Jobbins then propoſed to us that he had pitched on Mr. Gildings's and Mr. Berry's as proper places to be ſet on fire in Alderſgate.

Q. For what purpoſe were they to be ſet on fire?

A. With the intent for us to plunder the inhabitants while in the confuſion.

Q. Did you and Lowe agree to that propoſal of Jobbins?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you meet again?

A. On Thurſday at the Sun ale-houſe, Cow-croſs; Timothy Barnard was there likewiſe. We acquainted Barnard with the propoſal, and Barnard went with me to Alderſgate-ſtreet; we left the two priſoners at the Sun at Cow-croſs.

Q. For what purpoſe did you go?

A. With an intent to ſhew Barnard Mr. Gilding's houſe; we went through the Red Lion yard which goes through into Carthuſian-ſtreet.

Q. Did you obſerve any thing in the Inn-yard?

A. There was a cart unloading truſſes of Clover into a hay loft, which adjoined to Mr, Gilding's ware-houſe, he was a Cabinet-maker with very extenſive premiſes; Timothy Barnard then propoſed this hay-loft as a proper place to be ſet on fire, as it would ſoon communicate to Mr. Gilding's dwelling-houſe and warehouſe, and he ſaid the clover not being bound ſo tight as hay would burn and blaze up, then Barnard and me returned to the Sun alehouſe Cow-Croſs, it might be about 2 o'clock, Lowe and Jobbin were there, we then told them that we had been

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to the place, and that Barnard had pitched on the hay-loft as fit to be ſet on fire, Barnard propoſed to get ſome turpentine wood at the corner of the Court where he lived, which being put in among the clover would ſoon blaze up, it was then agreed to meet Barnard as 10 that evening at his houſe in Pear-tree-court Clerkenwell, and we went away about 5 o'clock; we accordingly met there at that time, in the mean time I directed Mrs. Lowe to get a pennyworth or two of ſpirits of turpentine for the two priſoners and me went to Lowes' houſe and Barnard went home; we then went out to get ſome money, we went out a thieving, but we did not get any, then we went to Barnard's at 10 o'clock: before we went out a thieving, the turpentine which Mrs. Lowe bought was mixed up by me and Lowe, and Jobbins, and his wife with ſome rags and paper, and put into a glove with ſome matches, when we went to Barnard's he was at home in company with his wife, when we went in he ſaid he had ſome very good turpentine wood, and me and him put ſome into each of our pockets, it is old turpentine barrels cut up; we all four went from Barnard's houſe to Shoe-lane, with an intent to ſet fire to Mr. Miller's Printer's joiner's ſhop, which was in the back part of his houſe, that did not have the deſired effect, we went from there to Mr. Naſh's a Coachmaker's in Worſhip ſtreet, Moor-fields, I gave Lowe and Jobbins ſome wood out of my pocket, and they went to ſet fire to the ſtables which ſoon went out, then we come away and Barnard and Jobbins went away ſeparately, I lodged with Lowe, and Lowe and me went to Lowe's houſe to bed, about 8 or 9 in the morning, we ſtaid there till between 2 and 3 in the afternoon of Friday then me and Lowe went to the Sun in Cow-croſs, Jobbins

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was there, we then propoſed to Jobbins and another man that was there one James Bond, to go out a thieving, we did ſo, but did not ſucceed, Barnard was not with us, we ſtaid till about 9 at night, and I left them in Old-ſtreet and went to Low's houſe to deſire Mrs. Lowe to get ſome turpentine and then came back to them in Old-ſtreet, and told them, then we all Lowe, Jobbin's, Bond, and me went in company to a Court in Long-lane which comes to the back part of a ſtable which adjoins Mr. Gilding's premiſes, Edward Lowe at that time had two picklock keys in his pocket, with intention to open the Padlock that is on the Stable-door, but could not, and therefore could not get the combuſtibles in, two patrolls were coming paſt the court and they laid hold of the two priſoners they were taken to the watchouſe; I cannot ſay the names of the patroll, in the morning they were taken to the houſes of their reſpective fathers, I went home to Lowe's houſe: I never ſaw Bond afterwards. On the Saturday morning I got up at 11 and went to the Sun alehouſe Cow-croſs, Barnard was there, I then propoſed to Barnard to go that night to ſet Mr. Gilding's houſe on fire, at that time the priſoner were not there, Barnard left me and I continued at the Sun alehouſe till 5 o'clock when Jobbins came in, me and Jobbins continued till 8 o'clock when Lowe came, Lowe ſaid he had been at work at his father's all day, Lowe and Jobbins went out in company with me a thieving, we had no ſucceſs and returned to Lowe's houſe about 10 in the evening, Mrs. Lowe went out and brought ſome ſpirits of turpentine in a phial, I cannot ſay whether ſhe brought them in that night, or the night before; then with the aſſiſtance of Mrs. Lowe, Lowe, Jobbins, and me mixed ſome rags with ſpirits of turpentine

pentine, and got ſome matches and turpentine wood, which Mrs. Lowe bought a pennyworth of-; it was not barrels but the beſt we could get, and we put them all together into a glove, and the wood was put ſome into my pocket and ſome in Jobbins's; it was 11 o'clock by that time, and we three went to the Nag's-head, in Alderſgate-ſtreet; we left Mrs Lowe at home, but ordered her not to go to bed for if ſhe ſhould be called to come and aſſiſt us in taking away the plunder. We had three or four pots of beer, and two half pints of gin, and a paper of tobacco. We ſtaid there till half paſt 12, and the landlord refuſed to draw us any more liquor; that was one of the houſes that was burned down that night. We three went out of the houſe with each of us a pipe in our mouths alight, in order to light the matches and ſet fire to Mr. Gilding's premiſes. A ſtranger to us, a cuſtomer, came out at the ſame time we did; we four went to Carthuſian-ſtreet, down that ſtreet, and by that time two of our pipes were broken; we went to the back gates of the Red-lion inn-yard, which are in that ſtreet. The priſoner Jobbins got over the gates with a pipe in his mouth, which was the only remaining one, and in getting over, the pipe was knocked out, I got over directly after Jobbins and he gave me the pipe; the gate is an old wooden gate with holes in it, I gave Lowe the pipe thro' the hole to get lighted, and he returned with it to me lighted but in the mean time Jobbin's went down the yard and placed a ladder which he found near the hay-loft againſt the hay-loft door, which was the hay-loft pitched on by Barnard and me; then Lowe returned with the lighted pipe and gave it me through the gate, I then went down the Red-Lyon Inn Yard

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with a pipe and gave it to Jobbins at the end of the ladder, the pipe went out as before, he gave me the pipe again and I returned it to Lowe, which he lighted again and handed to me through the gate, and at the ſame time he gave me ſome matches which I gave to Jobbins with the pipe. I then went down the yard with Jobbins to the ſtable, then Jobbins went up the ladder with the pipe in his mouth and the matches in his hand into the clover-loft, when he lighted the matches and ſet fire to the combuſtibles which he had laid before in my abſence among the clover hay: when I went for the pipe I ſaw him go up the ladder; the combuſtibles ſoon blazed up. Jobbins and me came back and got over the gates of the Red Lyon Yard into Carthuſian-ſtreet; Lowe was then waiting at the gates and deſired me to go to his houſe for his wife, the fire then blazed. I went to Lowe's houſe and found Mrs. Lowe laying down in her cloaths; ſhe returned back with me to the fire, which was then burning very rapidly; Mrs. Lowe and me returned in about twenty minutes. I left Lowe and Jobbins at the fire. We then went down through the Red Lyon Yard, where Lowe was in a houſe bringing out boxes and things; the alarm of fire had been given and people aſſiſting: I then aſſiſted with Jobbins and Lowe and Mrs. Lowe to carry away the things that came out of the houſes; I carried ſeveral things away into Alderſgate Street Buildings in company with Lowe and Jobbins, they were left in the Buildings in the care of a watchman; I then went back again to Mr. Gilding's which was on fire, this was about an hour and an half after the firſt blaze; I went up into Mr. Gilding's dining-room, and brought down a vaſe caſe containing about two dozen ſilver table ſpoons; there was one gravy ſpoon and about a dozen deſert ſpoons. I went through the mob with it under my arm to an inn yard, took

out the ſpoons and put them in an handkerchief and threw the caſe under the gateway. I then went home with the ſpoons and the handkerchief to Lowe's houſe, in Hartſhorn-court, Golden-lane, Old-ſtreet, about five or ten minutes walk from the fire; I put them in a cup-board under the ſtairs on the right hand ſide, I then returned back to the fire, and the priſoners had brought a great many things from different houſes into Alderſgate-ſtreet Buildings: I met Lowe coming with two drawers which he carried to the buildings; I propoſed to call Barnard then, and left Lowe and Jobbins at the fire and went to Timothy Barnard's houſe, he came out directly as I knocked. Barnard came with me to the fire, I ſhewed him the property in Alderſgate-ſtreet Buildings, he ſaid, Here is ſomething like indeed! then Lowe came, and Lowe and me deſired Barnard to fetch a cart, and I left Lowe to mind the things whilſt I went with Barnard to fetch a cart; we could not get one, and came back to Lowe, then Barnard propoſed to us, to get what things away we could without a cart, and Lowe brought the two drawers I met him with before, which were the property of Mr. Gilding, on his head to the bottom of the Buildings, and took them towards Sutton Street, in the way to Barnard's houſe, and he deſired Barnard and me to follow him, which we accordingly did; he then carried them into St. John-ſtreet near Sutton-ſtreet, and Barnard then lifted them off Lowe's head on to mine, and Barnard then deſired me to follow him to his houſe. I followed Barnard till I came to New Priſon Walk, which is near his houſe; Lowe and Barnard accompanied me, where I was ſtopt by an officer named Mr. Lucy with the two drawers on my head; Barnard walked off directly, and Lowe ſtood ſtill by me and was brought in afterwards by Lucy to the New Priſon. There was a blanket over the drawers to prevent people

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ſeeing what they were; Lowe and me were committed for trial; on the Sunday Mrs. Lowe came to the priſoner Lowe and me, and brought us 14s. which in the preſence of Lowe ſhe ſaid was part of the price of four ſpoons which ſhe ſaid ſhe had received of Jobbins as part of a guinea which the four ſpoons fetched, that was our two thirds of the guinea, the other ſeven ſhillings belonged to Jobbins, ſhe ſaid Jobbins told her he had ſold them in Chancery-lane, but would not tell where: Jobbins was uſually called by us the Little Doctor: I then told her to go home and ſhe would find in the cup-board under the ſtairs ſome ſilver ſpoons, which theſe four were a part of. The next day ſhe returned to me and Lowe, and brought us three pound fifteen ſhillings which ſhe ſaid was the money ſhe had received for the ſpoons of Mr. Samuel, a Jew whom we knew, and ſhe never gave me any of the money, but took out a pair of ſtockings for me from pawn that was two ſhillings; then we were committed to Newgate, and I had at different times a few ſhillings, and ſome victuals that I had ſhe paid for it. The bill was not found againſt Lowe, I was tried, convicted, and have received my pardon.

Mr. Garrow. That is material, he was not tried for ſtealing the plate, he was indicted for ſtealing the goods of Mrs. Woodley in the dwelling-houſe of Mr. Gilding; the Jury found him guilty of ſtealing, but not in the dwelling-houſe.

A. I was ordered for tranſportation: I diſcovered this about ſix weeks after I was ſentenced, I made no diſcovery of it before. I wrote a letter to Mr. Alderman Skinner; in the ward I was in there was a perſon I thought I could depend on as a friend not to hurt myſelf more than I was, and I got him to write a letter to Alderman Skinner, I told him the whole circumſtance, his name is Wilkins.

Q. Is the ſtory you have been relating to the court and jury the truth?

A Yes.

Q Are theſe the two perſons that had the ſhare in the tranſaction you have been deſcribing.

A. They are.

Croſs examined by Mr. Knowlys. Q. Now Mr. Flindall, on Wedneſday, which was three entire days before the fire happened, was the firſt time this ſcheme was concerted?

A For that place.

Q You ſay it was the Thurſday before you communicated it to Barnard?

A Yes.

Q Barnard then alone went with you to view theſe premiſes?

A Yes.

Q. It was not Barnard's original ſcheme?

A No.

Q Nor do you ſay that Barnard was preſent at the commiſſion of the offence?

A No.

Q I ſhould think it then a little odd that Barnard was the perſon that was with you to view the premiſes and to concert that ſcheme?

A It was ſo.

Q During this interval you certainly amuſed yourſelves in going to ſearch after the execution of plans of robbery?

A. Yes.

Q What time did you leave the Sun on Thurſday?

A Between four and five.

Q Are you ſure of that, look at the jury.

A Yes.

Q Is the inn a houſe much frequented?

A Yes.

Q At the times you were there, there were a great many more perſons?

A There might be three or four people more than we.

Q Then you do not know whether the houſe was full of cuſtomers or thin.

A. There might be two or three beſides us, the tap-room never was over and above thick of company; but the buſineſs was ſettled how it was to be conducted as we were going to view the place, Barnard and me concerted the ſcheme, and communicated it to the two priſoners.

Q How long at any one time on the Thurſday were you altogether at the Sun.

A I cannot ſay?

Q How long do you gueſs,

A Half an hour.

Q Will you ſwear that you were not more than half an hour together at the Sun?

A I cannot poſitively ſay, becauſe we were ſometime together before Barnard and me went to view the premiſes, and ſometime aforeſaid, we might be an hour together the firſt time.

Q Might you be two hours together.

A Not together?

Q Were you an hour and half together.

A I will not poſitively ſay, we might be an hour and an half, not more.

Q Did you drink much together.

A No.

Q. What did you drink.

A Beer.

Q How much.

A Not above a pot or a couple of pots.

Q Was this the firſt time Barnard and you had been at the Sun.

A The firſt time on this buſineſs, Barnard has been in company with me there before.

Q What hour was the firſt meeting at the Sun when you were all together.

A About eleven or twelve.

Q Were the room thin or full then.

A There were not many people there, there might be nine beſides us.

Q At what time were you all four there again.

A About two o'clock; we were there about half an hour or more, there were not above two or three people there then, and we had not more then than a pot of beer,

Q On the Friday after Barnard left you, how long did you and the two priſoners remain there.

A Till five o'clock, we were not all the time in that room, we went backwards in the ſkittle-ground.

Q Was the room thin or full during that time.

A There were two or three or four people going in and out, the room got full and empty again in the time that we continued there.

Q You ſay when you was taken by Lucy, Lowe ſtood ſtill.

A Yes.

Q He was found immediately on Lucy's going out again.

A Yes.

Q You were in the ſame gaol together?

A Yes.

Q How have you maintained yourſelf before that Wedneſday?

A By different other robberies in company with the priſoner.

Q For what length of time had you maintained yourſelf by a courſe of robberies and plunder on the public?

A About eight weeks.

Q What way of life was you in before?

A I followed the ſea for ſome time.

Q Do you mean to confine your courſe of robberies to ſeven or eight weeks?

A With theſe people, I have been out before.

Q What has been the courſe of your life for theſe laſt three years, has it not been a courſe of robbery and plunder?

A No not three years.

Q How much of the three years?

A About two years.

Q How often have you been in cuſtody during that time on various accuſations?

A Once before within the two years?

Q Did not you fear that the plan of burning houſes might be fatal to the lives of many people in the night?

A Without a doubt I did, but the plan was not propoſed by me, when I ſaw the fire I cannot ſay but it ſhocked me very much but not before, not the idea of burning people.

Q You planned it I ſuppoſe to be in the night?

A Yes.

Q When you wrote to the worthy Alderman, you thought you could not be the worſe for it?

A I did not think ſo; I applied to this perſon that was in the ſame ward, thinking him a friend of mine, and aſked his advice, I thought if I could make it appear to the public without hurting myſelf I would, and therefore I cauſed this letter to be written.

Q I believe you propoſed to get a pardon by this diſcovery?

A I propoſed to get nothing.

Q Did not you hope to get a pardon for this diſcovery?

A I had an hope that mercy ſhould be ſhewn me if I ſhould petition for it, but nothing further.

Q.

Q That mercy was a pardon, was not it?

A My expectation was if I wrote a petition to his Majeſty, or the Secretary, that after I had done public juſtice I thought I might receive ſome favour.

Q Did not you expect a pardon?

A No I cannot ſay I did, I had a thought that I had received ſome favour, I had a hope of receiving ſome favour, I cannot ſay a pardon, a free pardon or any thing of that kind, I expected to go to ſea?

Mr. Garrow. Did either of the priſoners ever obſerve to you that this would be attended with murder and that you had better deſiſt?

A Never.

Q So they were as bad as you?

A Yes.

Q You thought by making a diſcloſure you ſhould not make your ſituation worſe, and that after you had done juſtice to the public, his Majeſty might ſhew you ſome clemency?

A Yes.

Q What that was you could not gueſs?

A No:

Q Have you as far as depends on you to-day been doing juſtice to the public?

A I have.

Q Have you been telling the truth?

A I have.

Q Have you been making a falſe accuſation? againſt any man?

A I have not.

Thomas Duggin ſworn, examined by Mr. *Gaſcoigne.*

I keep the Sun in Cow Croſs.

Q. How long have you kept it?

A. Some time.

Q. Did you ever ſee the priſoners at your houſe?

A. Yes, frequently; I believe the priſoner Jobbins

bins uſed the houſe before I took it.

Q. Have you ſeen them in company together at your houſe?

A. I think I have.

Q. Do you know Flindall?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you ſeen him at your houſe?

A. Yes.

Q. In company with the two priſoners?

A. To the beſt of my knowledge I have.

Q. You remember the great fire in Alderſgate-ſtreet?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember ſeeing the priſoners at the bar at your houſe on the Thurſday before that fire happened?

A. I cannot ſay I do, not to be poſitive; but I ſuppoſe I have, as they uſed to come in and out.

Q. Do you know the wife of Lowe?

A Yes.

Q Has ſhe been at your houſe in company with her huſband, or Jobbins, or Flindall.

A I think ſhe has, to the beſt of my recollection.

Q Did ſhe ever leave any thing at your houſe?

A When Flindall and Edward Lowe were in priſon, ſhe called at my houſe, and left a piſtol in my cuſtody.

Q What was to be done with it?

A She left it with me till ſomebody ſhould call for it; I do not recollect that ſhe mentioned who.

Croſs examined by Mr. Lawes.

Q Was you generally at home?

A. Yes.

Q You cannot ſay whether you ſaw any of thoſe

priſoners together?

A I think I have, to the beſt of my knowledge.

Q Can you be poſitive of that?

A I think I can be poſitive that I have.

Q When was the firſt time you ever ſaw Lowe, in your life?

A I cannot recollect that.

Q Recollect the depoſition you gave before the magiſtrate relative to that?

A I ſhould ſuppoſe it was in January.

Q. Did not you ſay before the magiſtrate that you never ſaw Lowe till the evening of the fire?

A I did not.

Mr. Fielding. You never ſaid any ſuch thing to the magiſtrate?

A I did not ſay any ſuch thing to the beſt of my knowledge.

Mr. Lawes. Can you recollect whether on the day of the fire you ſaw the priſoners together at your houſe?

A I cannot recollect that I did.

John Burrell ſworn.

Mr. Fielding. Is your name John Burrell?

A I cannot poſitively ſay, they call me ſo.

Q You are ſervant to Mr. Thomas Duggin at the Sun ale-houſe Cow Croſs?

A Yes.

Q You have lived there I believe ſome years?

A Yes.

Q Look at the two priſoners at the bar, do you remember their being at your houſe?

A Yes.

Q Look at Flindall?

A I know him.

Q Have

Q. Have you ſeen them at your maſter's houſe together—

A Not to the beſt of my knowledge; I might, but I cannot pretend to ſay.

Q You know their perſons, you ſay—

A Yes.

Q Have you ſeen them at your maſter's houſe—

A Yes.

Q Have you ſeen them together?

A I cannot recollect, they might, I cannot pretend to ſay, I cannot charge my memory.

Q. You are ſure you have ſeen them at your maſter's houſe?

A Oh, yes!

Q More than once

A Oh yes, two or three times.

Q Your buſineſs is in and out of the tap-room

A Yes.

Mr. Knowyls. Your ſituation is to carry out beer backwards and forwards to your maſter's cuſtomers.

A Yes.

James Edwards ſworn, examined by Mr. Garrow.

I am a watchmaker, I live in Barbican; I know the Nags Head alehouſe in Alderſgate Street. I remember the fire.

Q Do you remember being at that houſe the night of the fire—

A I do.

Q Look at the priſoners, were they there that night

A I cannot ſay to Lowe; Jobbins I am ſure and Flindall were there; I cannot recollect Lowe at all.

Q Were there other perſons in company with Flindall and Jobbins.

A There were.

Q About what time did you leave the houſe.

A I believe ten minutes after twelve, as near as I can recollect.

Q Did you leave Jobbins and Flindall and their companions there when you went away.

A I can not be ſure whether Flindall was there when I went away, but Jobbins walked round the room with a pipe in his mouth, and I believe he went out of doors; whether he went away or not, I do not know.

Q How near do you live to Mr. Gilding's?

A I believe it is two ſtones throw, half the length of Barbican; I was juſt going to get into bed when I was alarmed by the fire.

Q As to the perſon of Flindall and Jobbins you are perfectly ſure of.

A Yes.

Benjamin Williams ſworn. Examined by Mr. Fielding.

I keep the Nags-Head in Alderſgate-ſtreet, I was burnt out I remember the night of the fire beginning.

Q Do you know Lowe?

A Yes.

Q Do you know Flindall?

A Yes.

Q Do you remember them coming to your houſe the night of the fire?

A Lowe and Flindall went out of my houſe about half after twelve on the night of the fire.

Q They had been there ſome time that evening?

A They had either three or four pots of porter, and one if not two papers of tobacco; I can ſay but to one, they had ſome pipes, they had half a pint of gin, and they wanted a pot of porter after I had locked up my bar and my cellar, I refuſed drawing them any more liquor; Flindall preſſed

preſſed very hard for half a pint more gin, but I ſaid I would ſell no more. I cannot ſay that Mr: Edwards was there, nor whether the priſoner Jobbins was there, I was in bed in five minutes after they went away; I was alarmed about one o'clock, the back part of my yard adjoins Mr. Gilding's premiſes.

John Ruſſell ſworn, examined by Mr: *Garrow*.

Q You are one of the watchmen belonging to the Charterhouſe Square?

A Yes.

Q How near are you to the gates of the Red Lyon?

A. I cannot ſay, there is a gate to the ſquare, I do not go beyond thoſe gates, it is a wooden railed gate, an open gate you may ſee through it, the Red Lyon gate is about ſix yards from my box.

Q When you went your rounds did you carry your lanthorn with you or leave it in your box?

A Leave it in my box.

Q Do you remember the night that the fire happened at Mr. Gilding's?

A Yes.

Q Do you remember your calling the hour of twelve in that night?

A Yes.

Q Did you leave your lanthorn then in the box?

A Yes.

Q In the courſe of that night, and before the fire, did you hear any thing that cauſed your attention.

A No, Sir, nothing till I had done calling half after twelve, then I thought I heard a footſtep in Carthuſian Street, I went to look through the gate, but I could ſee nobody, but I directly ſaw the fire.

Q How long does it take you to go your round and return to your box.

A Sometimes more, ſometimes leſs, ſometimes ten

ten or twelve minutes; when I ſaw the reflection of the fire, I look upon it to be three-quarters after twelve, it was beyond the half hour, but could not tell exactly, as we have no chimes to the Charter-Houſe clock, it was before one.

Q Where did the reflection of the fire come from?

A From the Red Lyon yard from ſome ſtables, it had juſt got a little above the tiles, I ſuppoſe it had been ſome time before it could get through the tiles.

Q What ſort of a gate was there to the inn-yard at that time in Carthuſian Street?

A A wooden gate.

Q Could a man eaſily get over it.

A Yes, very eaſily.

Q How ſo?

A Becauſe there was a part of the wall broken down by people getting over, ſome that belonged to the yard, ſuch as coachmen and others, it was eaſy enough to get over there.

Q The Charterhouſe gate was as eaſy to get over.

A Yes, either over or under.

Q So that if I had wanted to have come to your box for a light, I could have done it eaſily.

A Very eaſily.

William Kyme ſworn. Examined by Mr. Gaſcoigne.

I kept at the Red Lion Inn, I went to bed about a quarter after twelve, in the morning about a quarter before one I was alarmed with fire by the watchman, I ſaw a very bad fire in a hay-loft over a flour warehouſe of mine adjoining to Mrt Gilding's premiſes, there was clover-hay chiefly in the loft, and ſome ſtraw and meadow-hay; there was clover brought in three ſucceſſive days before the fire happened, on Thurſday, Friday, and Saturday; there

there was a ladder locked to the ſide that nobody ſhould take it away to any other place, it was to go into the loft with.

Q Was it eaſy to place the ladder ſo as to get into the loft?

A Oh yes, very eaſy, it was for that expreſs purpoſe I ſecured my property in my iron cheſt in my bed-room; I went down to fetch a candle, and in about a quarter of an hour after I was alarmed, and I left two or three of my doors open, and very ſoon after I returned, which was a little after one: this Lowe and Flindall came into my bed-room, I aſked them what they wanted, and they ſaid they came to aſſiſt me, I told them they were two thieves, I ſaid they were nothing but thieves, and I told them I ſuppoſed they came to rob me, then they ſaid they were no ſuch thing as that, they came to ſerve me and they would aſſiſt me, and I wanted ſomebody to remove my iron cheſt further from the fire, and they did aſſiſt in that, then they wanted to help me to take my beds and other things away, I told them they ſhould not touch them, I wanted no further aſſiſtance from them, for I ſuſpected them to be nothing but thieves, and they ſhould not meddle with any thing, then they went off and I had nothing to ſay to them.

Q Are you now quite ſure, that Flindall and Lowe were the two perſons.

A I am quite ſure.

Q Is your houſe in the Inn yard.

A Yes, much about the middle.

Thomas Collins ſworn. I am a conſtable; I attended at the fire in Alderſgate-ſtreet; I ſaw Lowe there. I went there about three, and it was ſometime after I was there, about half an hour or three quarters of an hour, he was walking backwards and forwards by the end of Alderſgate-ſtreet buildings; there was a parcel of goods brought from the fire,

and

and a watchman in care of them. I ſaw Lowe twice or three times walking backwards and forwards; he paſt by the end of the Buildings, and I went as far as the Vine yard; I believe Lowe ſaw me, I went there on purpoſe; I knew Lowe before, that made me take notice of him; I looked at him to ſee what he was after, as I did ſome other people. I am poſitive he was there. I know Flindall, I know Jobbins; I cannot ſay I ſaw either of them at the fire.

Harry Moray ſworn. Examined by Mr. Fielding.

Q You remember the fire in Alderſgate-ſtreet?

A Yes, I was there at the time, about one'o clock.

Q Look at the priſoner Jobbins, and ſee if you know him?

A Yes, I do.

Q You have no doubt of him.

A None at all.

Q Did you ſee him at the fire that night.

A Yes.

Q Whereabouts.

A Why in different parts, by Mr. Gilding's, and one time at another houſe, it was half after one, or two when I firſt ſaw him, it might be half an hour between one time and another.

Thomas Burgin ſworn.

Q On the ſixteenth of May laſt you was a ſervant to Mr. Gilding.

A Yes.

Q You remember the fire at his houſe.

A Yes.

Q Look at the bar and tell us whether you ſaw the priſoners at the fire.

A I ſaw Lowe only.

Q Did you ſee Flindall there.

A No;

A. No; ſome time after he was getting out the things, I come out of my maſter's houſe with ſome things, and put them acroſs the road; and going back for more, I ſaw ſome linnen, which turned out to be ſheets, coming out of my maſter's window up two pair of ſtairs; I caught hold of the ſheets; Lowe immediately told me I had no buſineſs with them, for he was Mr. Gilding's ſervant; I immediately looked him in the face, and told him he was not Mr. Gilding's ſervant, for I was, and if he was alſo, I ſhould know him.

Q. As you looked him in the face, you are ſure that is the man?

A. Yes.

Q. Poſitive?

A. Yes: he ſtill inſiſted on the things, for I had no buſineſs with them; ſome gentleman came up to him, and told him to let go the things, for he knew me to be Mr. Gilding's ſervant; he immediately let go of them, and went about his buſineſs,

Mr Knowlys. Q. The moment he was ſure you was Mr. Gilding's ſervant, he gave them up?

A. Yes,

Mr. Garrow. Q. He would not know you was Gilding's ſervant, but he muſt have known he was not, muſt not he?

A. Yes.

Joſeph Douglas ſworn.

I am a turner; I remember being at the fire in Alderſgate-ſtreet; I know Mr. Gilding's counting-houſe. (The priſoner Timothy Barnard ordered to be brought up.) I ſaw a perſon coming towards Mr. Gilding's counting-houſe, whom I have ſeen in cuſtody (Barnard brought in) I am poſitive that is the perſon; I gave him a book to deliver at Mr. Blackburne's, and I followed him; I was cloſe behind him; I ſaw him go another way; I immediately delivered the book to Mrs.

Blackburne, and followed him, and he came back and delivered it; I am ſure that was the man, and, to the beſt of my knowledge, it was as about two o'clock.

John Carter ſworn.

I am ſervant to Mr. Gilding; I know Timothy Barnard; I ſaw him there; he was in Mr. Gilding's counting-houſe; I gave him ſeveral books to carry, but I do not know where they were carried to; I had a box on my head, and Barnard wanted to carry it; he ſaid he belonged to them; I ſaid, ſo did I, and I would not let him have it.

John Hewitt ſworn.

I was at this fire; I ſaw Edward Lowe there; he was coming from the fire with a box on his ſhoulder; Robert Newman, the conſtable, ſtopped him, and ſaid you ſhall carry it no further, and he pointed to Alderſgate-ſtreet Buildings, and made him put it there; I am ſure he was the man.

Mr. Lawes. Q. About two in the morning?

A. Yes.

John Lucy ſworn.

I am a peace-officer; I was in Alderſgate-ſtreet after the fire happened; I know Flindall and Lowe. In the morning of the 16th of May, about five o'clock, in St. James's Walk, Clerkenwell, at the end of which is Short's Buildings, I obſerved two men coming after me with ſome property on their head, and there was a third perſon looking into Mr. Rhode's, our veſtry clerk's, in Short's Buildings; I waited till they came up to me in Short's Building's; I went up to Flindall, who had on his head two drawers, with wearing apparel covered with a blanket: having heard of the fire, I ſuſpected them; I aſked the perſon, which Flindall, what he had there? he ſaid ſome property from the Red Lion Inn Yard, Alderſgate-ſtreet, and was going to No. 12, Peartree Court, Clerkenwell Cloſe; I laid hold of him, and took him and the property into

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New Priſon; I was then cloſe to the gate; I came out of the priſon, and found Lowe near where I had left him; he was without his hat, and his coat wet; I ſecured him; he ſaid he had been at the fire to aſſiſt the ſufferers; I took him into cuſtody; Flindall was afterwards tried and convicted for ſtealing the goods; the bill was not found againſt Lowe.

Edward Mottram ſworn.

I am a conſtable of Alderſgate Ward; I think I know both the priſoners very well; Lowe, I am poſitive, was in my cuſtody about the middle of May, and I am perſuaded in my own mind, Jobbins alſo, but I am not ſo poſitive to him; in going round the Ward, to the beſt of my remembrance, the two priſoner's I took up a little paſſage, which I believe is called Cock Court, Long Lane; I ſaw a perſon or two up the paſſage, and being an unſeemly hour, I went up the court and took them into cuſtody, as ſuſpicious characters; they was making water they ſaid; I ſaid it would have been decent in the day, but at night there was no ſuch neceſſity; I called the patroll; I took them to the watch-houſe; I ſearched them, and found nothing; I aſked them where they lived, and they gave me a verbal direction; I went home with Jobbins to his father's houſe, who rents a little tenement of one Brown an oil-man, at the end of Old Street, in Goſwell Street; I left him there; I came back to the watch-houſe, and took Lowe home to his father's houſe in Bridgewater Gardens; I cannot ſay particularly what night this was, as I keep no minute, my buſineſs always being ſettled the next morning; the patroll is not here.

Joſeph Samuel ſworn.

I live in Still Alley, Houndſditch.

Mr. Garrow. Q. What buſineſs do you follow?

A. Cloaths dealing.

Q. A general dealer?

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A. A general dealer, if I can find nothing elſe.

Q. Do you remember the circumſtance of a fire in Alderſgate-ſtreet?

A. Yes, Sir, I remember hearing of it after I had bought ſome ſilver of Mrs. Lowe.

Q. What did you buy?

A. Some ſilver ſpoons of Mrs. Lowe, the wife of the priſoner Lowe, as far as ever I underſtood. I know the priſoner Lowe; I came to his houſe, and aſked for him; his wife ſaid he was not at home.

Q. Did you at any time buy any thing of Mrs. Lowe?

A. Yes; ten or eleven deſert and table ſilver ſpoons, and among them one long narrow ſpoon, which I believe is called a marrow ſpoon.

Q. From what place did Mrs. Lowe take thoſe things?

A. Why, ſhe went out of the room that ſhe and I was in, and took them out of a bit of a cloſet joining to the ſtair-caſe on the right hand; I cannot tell whether ſhe had more, but I bought all ſhe ſhewed me; I paid her 3l. 15s. they were at 4s. 10d. an ounce. I ſold them afterwards to a man that deals abroad, for 5s. 2d. an ounce. The firſt time I ſaw Lowe after, was the day he was diſcharged; he had no hat on, and his coat under his arm. I was going out; ſays I, How do you do, Lowe---will you walk in? and he ſaid, Yes, I am come on purpoſe to ſpeak to you. I took him in doors, and he then ſaid, Mr. Samuel, if you have got any of thoſe ſpoons that you bought of my wife, that came from the fire in Alderſgate-ſtreet, I beg of you, for God's ſake, to make away with them, for I think Jim Flindall will be a rogue; for, ſays he, the day that Jim Flindal was arraigned at the bar of the Old Bailey, he ſent me down a letter, and required eight or nine ſhillings of me, that he then wanted; and, in caſe I did not ſend it to him, he threat-

threatened to tell the Judge the whole affair, and, in caſe Flindall was hanged, he ſaid I (meaning Lowe) ſhould be hanged along with him. I then ſaid, it is ſomething amazing to me that you ſhould be afraid of Flindall's being a rogue, there is nothing to affect you; you are diſcharged, and at your liberty, in what can he hurt you? and he then ſaid, there are other circumſtances in the way. I then begged of him to tell me what he was afraid of: he was a long time heſitating, but at laſt he ſaid, I may tell you, that I, Flindall, and the others, ſet them houſes in Alderſgate-ſtreet on fire, and I now intend to go on board of ſhip. He then ſaid to me, I think, Mr. Samuel, you have uſed me rather ill. In what? ſays I. Why, ſays he, concerning the money you gave my wife for the ſilver; for, ſays he, I think that twenty ſpoons certainly come to more money than 3l. 15s. for, ſays he, the little doctor, (by which name we called Jobbins) had ſold ſome of the deſert ſpoons, which were the ſmalleſt, to a perſon in Chancery Lane for ſeven ſhillings a piece, and had ſent Flindall and him fourteen ſhillings, and kept ſeven ſhillings to himſelf.

I then told him, ſays I, I tell you what, Mr. Lowe, your wife will never tell me to my face that I bought twenty ſpoons, for if there had been twenty they would have come to more money. He then ſaid to me, I think, Mr. Samuel, I have been very lucky in this buſineſs; I ſaid, How lucky? He ſaid, I may ſay I have ſaved my life twice; I aſked how? Why, ſays he, I may ſay I have ſaved my life now, by being acquitted; and, the firſt time, when the fire was in the houſe of Mr. Gilding, I entered the houſe and ran up ſtairs, and I had ſcarcely been a minute in the room, before it was all in a blaze, and I was forced to make my eſcape out of one of the windows, and I was catched by the mob. I gave him half-a-crown, and declined going with him.

Q. Did

Q. Did you ſee Lowe again after that?

A. Yes; ſome days afterwards, I was coming from the Borough acroſs London Bridge, I met Lowe coming towards me; I hardly knew him; he had on a canvas jacket, and a pair of nankeen breeches; he ſaid he was going down that evening. Down, ſays I, where? Says he, to the Nore, on board of ſhip; and he aſked me if I had heard any thing concerning Flindall, about the buſineſs, (which I underſtood to mean the buſineſs he had been talking of)? I told him no, I had not troubled myſelf about it; he aſked me to give him ſomething to drink, and I took him to the dram ſhop in Thames-ſtreet, and we had a glaſs a piece; and from that time I have not ſeen him, till I ſaw him in Guildhall. My wife was preſent only a part of the time, for ſhe was very ill.

Q. You knew theſe people before?

A. Yes.

Q. I take it for granted, you ſuſpected theſe things were not come honeſty by?

A. I knew they were not.

Mr. Knowlys. Q. How long have you known Flindall?

A. Five or ſix months.

Q. How often has he been at your houſe?

A. Pretty often.

Q. On buſineſs?

A. Yes.

Q, You know very well what I mean by buſineſs.

A. Yes, I ſuppoſe I do.

Q. That is to ſay, bringing you the reſult of his plunder---that you mean.

A. You mean that I ſuppoſe.

Q. Is that true?

A. Yes, I ſuppoſe it might.

Q, For what courſe of time have you been in this known character; a general merchant we will call it?

A. Sir!

A. Sir!

Q. How long has your houſe been a houſe for this purpoſe?

A. I do not know that my houſe has been reſorted to but by theſe people. I have been a general dealer in an honeſt livelihood, which I can prove, though I have beeen under the laſh of the court.

Q. How long in the honeſt way?

A. Many years.

Q. How long in the diſhoneſt line?

A. Not long.

Q. You know very well, that by giving evidence, you ſave yourſelf from proſecution.

A. Certainly; but I came voluntarily ſeveral hundred miles; I was not ſet for; and my wife came up voluntarily too.

Mr. Garrow. The gentleman has aſked you whether Flindall came to your houſe to ſell ſtolen goods?

A. Yes.

Q. Who came with him?

A. Jobbins and Lowe.

Q. This is the commencement of your atonement to the public.?

A. Yes.

Q. The property was diſpoſed of?

A. Yes.

Q. Therefore nothing could come againſt you?

A. No.

Elizabeth Samuel ſworn.

I am wife of Joſeph Samuel.

Q. Do you know Lowe?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Do you know his wife?

A. Very well; I remember the fire in Alderſgate-ſtreet on the 17th of May; I ſaw Mrs Lowe at our houſe, my huſband had been out and he came home with

with Mrs. Lowe and brought ſome ſilver ſpoons, and my huſband weighed them and paid her for them.

Q. After this did you ſee Lowe at your huſband's houſe?

A. Yes, ſometime after Lowe came to my houſe, without a hat, and ſpoke ſomething to my huſband I do not know what, and he came to me and he ſaid Mrs. Samuel, if you have any of thoſe ſpoons that your huſband bought of my wife, make away with them, for they came from a place that we ſet a light in Alderſgate-ſtreet; and he ſaid he was going on board a ſhip.

Q. Are you ſure this was an obſervation of Lowe, and the converſation he uſed?

A. Yes.

Mr. Knowlys. When your huſband is out and people bring things, then you take them in?

A. I did not buy any thing at all of this; I did not buy any thing from that time; I deal in old cloaths and cry them about the ſtreets.

Q. Do you mean to ſwear that your dealings are confined to old cloaths?

A. I have bought things before, but no great matter.

Lloyd Garſide ſworn.

I am a hat-manufacturer; I live in St. John Street, Smithfield. I ſaw the priſoners the day of the fire facing my door. I know Peartre-court; St. John-ſtreet, is in the way from Mr. Gilding's to Peartree-court.

Q. Look at Flindall?

A. He was with Lowe and another; there were three in company. I cannot ſwear to the third perſon.

Barnard brought forward.

He is very much like him, but I cannot be certain; it was about 5 in the morning; they were all three together; they were coming down Sutton-ſtreet, paſt my door, and towards Clerkenwel; one of them carried

head covered with ſomething of a cloth. Lowe carried it, and by my door he gave it to Flindall.

Mr. Garrow to Mr. Lucy. On the trial of Flindall you produced the articles you took on his head?

Q. I delivered them to Mr. Gilding, and the goods to Mrs. Woodyere, as her name was then, it is now Burden.

Elizabeth Burden ſworn.

My maiden-name was Woodyere; I was a ſervant to Mr. Gilding at time of the fire in Alderſgate-ſtreet; I loſt my wearing apparel; theſe were the drawers I had to put my clothes in, and there were articles of wearing apparel in them; they were in the garret; thoſe drawers and things were a part of the property loſt; they were returned to me; they are the ſame that were loſt, and the ſame that were produced on that trial.

John Richards ſworn.

I am in the employ of the Sunfire-Office; I was preſent at the apprehenſion of Lowe; he was on board the Brunſwick, entered by the name of Edward Price; I enquired both for Lowe and Price; he anſwered to the name of Price, and inſiſted upon it to me that his name was Price and not Lowe; he had his trowſers on; I requeſted he would pull up his trowſers that I might ſee his legs, for I had information that one of his legs had been fractured, and not having been properly ſet, it was bent and differed very much from the other; I found it was ſo, and I aſked him how it happened; he ſaid it was from a kick of a horſe and not properly ſet; I told the commanding officer he was the man I wanted, and he was delivered to my orders. At Guildhall I told this to the Alderman, but he then anſwered by the name of Lowe. The other priſoner was apprehended on board the Creſcent; as the men were called over, he was pointed out to me by Clarke, who was with me; he

ſaid, Jobbins, I am come for you; the officer ſaid, in his hearing, his name is not Jobbins, his name is Burne; he was ſecured; the ſhips were both at Spithead.

Knowlys. Did you know there was an advertiſement offering a reward on the conviction of any of thoſe offenders?

A. There was a reward of fifty guineas for each of the offenders.

Francis Gilding ſworn.

Mr. Fielding. I believe it was your premiſes that were unfortunately burnt?

A. They were.

Q. Are thoſe drawers within your knowledge?

A. They are.

Q. Do you know the quantity of ſilver ſpoons that were loſt from your houſe?

A. About two dozen, in a vaſe caſe.

Mr. Lawes. Is this houſe your own?

A. Yes.

Jane Gilding ſworn.

I can ſwear to the drawers; I know there were twelve table and twelve deſert ſpoons in a vaſe caſe, and there might be a marrow ſpoon in it, there frequently was.

Mr. Fielding. My Lord, we have finiſhed the caſe for the proſecution.

Priſoner Lowe. I leave it to my Counſel.

Priſoner Jobbins. I leave it to my Counſel.

Edward Watſon ſworn. [*Examined by Mr. Knowlys.*]

I am a journeyman watch-finiſher; I have known the priſoner Jobbins ten years, from his firſt going to St. Paul's School; I never heard his character impeached; he was employed in the medicinal line, as a ſurgeon and man midwife; his father gave ſeventy guineas with him.

Q. Did you ever apply to him in that character?

A. I did

A. I did once, on the Saturday, at his father's houſe, previous to the fire; the fire happened on the Sunday morning; he was not at home in the evening; I waited for him; I ſaw him.

Q. What time did he come home, that you had the opportunity of ſeeing him?

A. It was paſt twelve o'clock; I went to the weſt end of the town.

Q. Where had you come from?

A. From Weſtminſter.

Q. How long had you waited at the houſe for him?

A. Very near two hours.

Q. Whoſe houſe was this?

A. Mr. Jobbins the Father's.

Q. Did the ſon reſide at the father's?

A. He did.

Q. Where is the houſe ſituated?

A. Oppoſite Charter-houſe-wall, Goſwell-ſtreet; it looks into the Gardens.

Q. How long after twelve was it when he came home?

A. About a quarter; it was juſt turned twelve when he came in, or it might be ten minutes paſt twelve when he came in.

Q. How long did he continue with you?

A. I ſuppoſe about twenty minutes, or thereaway.

Q. What did he do for you?

A. He made me up ſome pills.

Q. Did he go away with you when you went away, or did he remain at home?

A. He remained at home.

Q. Was the father at home?

A. He was.

Q. Did you ſee him?

A. Yes, I certainly ſaw him, for nobody lives in that part of the houſe but the father and ſon.

Croſs examined by Mr. Fielding.

Q. Where abouts is this houſe of the father's ?

A. It is a coal ſhop, the corner of Rotton-row ; it is a double houſe ; the father has all the upper part of the houſe ; he belongs to the Keys, ſome department under Government.

Q. Did you know the maſter with whom this boy ſerved his time ? A. No.

Q. How long have you been acquainted with him ?

A. Between nine and ten years ?

O. How did you know he ſerved his time to a ſurgeon ?

A. By his father's coming to me and borrowing my indentures to copy from.

Q. You never heard him mention the name of the man ?

A. No, I never had any converſation relative to that buſineſs.

Q. Where do you live ?

A. In Golden-lane, with my mother.

Q. Are you out of your time ?

A. Between eight and nine years.

Q. Who did you ſerve your time with ?

A. One Wiltſhire, in Bloomſbury.

Q. Who do you work for now ?

A. Mr. Delafont, at the Change.

Q. Have you any family ? A. No.

Q. How did your acquaintance begin ?

A. By the father, who came to my father's houſe.

Q. Then you tell me you never had any converſation with Jobbins about his ſkill in the buſineſs ?

A. I never wanted any thing of the kind before.

Q. What hour did you go at ?

A. About half after eight.

Q. Do you know the neighbourhood ? A. Yes.

Q. How far is this place from the place where the fire happened ? A. I never was there in company.

Q. How

Q. How far is it from the father's?

A- Near half a quarter of a mile.

Q. Is it ſo far even as that?

A. I ſuppoſe it might be,

Q. Now young man you went to this houſe you ſay at 10?

A. On my return I called upon him.

Q. You went at half paſt 8 and he was not at home?

A. No he was not.

Q, What time did he come in?

A. Paſt 12.

Q. Was he ſmoaking his pipe at that time?

A. No he was not.

Q. Was any body with him?

A. Not as I know off.

Q. How long did you ſtay then?

A, About 20 minutes after 12 I left him, or rather more.

Q. Did he ſmoke there the time he came to his father's?

A. No, his father was always againſt his ſmoaking.

Q. What! were your habits of intimacy ſuch as to know that?

A. I have heard his father ſay ſo

Q. Upon what occaſion or why, take care young man?

A. I have heard him ſay ſo, he had always an objection to company.

Q. Can you recollect any one time now when you heard the father ſay ſo, is the father here?

A. Yes, I fancy he is.

Q. When was it you heard the father object to his ſmoaking?

A. Half a year or a year ago my mother uſed to waſh for the father.

Q. Then not later you have heard that objection?

A. No.

Q. Then

Q. Then you remember that half a year ago?

A. He did ſomewhere there about's.

Q. How many viſits did you pay this young man at his father's houſe after that Saturday?

A. I never had occaſion to pay any more viſits becauſe his father came to our houſe for ſome linen.

Q. Have you ever been there ſince?

A. No I had no occaſion I had a ſufficient quantity and I ſatisfied him on the Saturday night.

Q. When did the father come to your houſe after this Saturday?

A. The week following, I think he came for ſome linen he frequently viſits my mother.

Q. Did he hold any converſation with you or your mother more than to require the linen that he wanted?

A. No more.

Q. Have yon ever ſeen the father ſince?

A. Yes, ſeveral times at my own houſe he frequently calls on account of his linen.

Q. Was that the only occaſion that brought him to your mother's houſe. A. Yes.

Q. Have you had any converſation relating his ſon?

A. He certainly informed me of the unfortunate ſituation of his ſon.

Q. When was that?

A. About three weeks ago.

Q. In what manner did he inform you?

A. He told me that his ſon was gone aboard a ſhip, and that he was taken up for being concerned in this fire, that was the very firſt I ever heard any thing about this young man, from the Saturday night till I ſaw the father about three weeks ago.

Court, Q. Upon what occaſion did you apply to him for the pills?

A. From a violent fall I had from a chair which hurt my loins.

Q. When did this accident happen to you?

A. On

A. On the Wedneſday before at my own houſe?

Q. How came you to go at ſo late a time of night on an accident that happened on the Wedneſday before?

A. I went firſt at half paſt eight, then I went to Weſtminſter and called in Fleet-ſtreet on my own buſineſs, the father was at home,; I took a book out of the library?

Q. What did you want the book for?

A. It is common to take up a book when one's in a room.

Q. What was the book?

A. I do not reccollect rightly it was ſomething about medecine, he came in about a quarter after 12 I ſtaid about 10 minutes or a quarter of an hour.

John Jobbins, ſworn.

I am the father of the young man at the bar, I live in Goſwell-ſtreet in a houſe of Mr. Brown's his door fronts one way and mine the other, there is no communication, it is a ſeparate houſe, I have lived there about ſix years, I have only one ſon, I keep no ſervant my income is but ſmall, I am a King's locker at the Cuſtom-houſe.

Q. Did your ſon live at home with you at the time of the fire? A. He did.

Q. Do you happen to know in what way he diſpoſed of his time for ſeveral days preceeding the fire during the week?

A. He was at home always when I came home at 3 o'clock the former part of the day, I can give no more account of him than you, I go to my duty at 9 o'clock, ſometimes not till 10 or 11, he was at home when I was there, ſometimes I came home at half after 2.

Q. On Saturday when you returned home, and from 3 o'clock, the day of the fire was your ſon at home?

A. He was at home writing, and had been writing for the week before, he had been writing a chronicle, he

he continued at home till between 7 and 8, I was at home all that time, when I desired him to go to the White-horse Cellar to se for something that I expected from Glouceſtire which was to lay there till called for, he did not find any thing, and he did not return till a little paſt 12, in the mean time a Mr. Watſon came about 9 o'clock that evening, he aſked me if my ſon was at home, I told him no but he would be in preſently I dare ſay, he ſaid he was going further he would call as he came back, he returned about 11, he waited till it was a little paſt 12 when my ſon came home.

Q. Do you know the nature of his buſineſs with your ſon?

Q. He aſked him if he could make him up ſomething for a ſtrain, my ſon told him if he would wait about a quarter of an hour he could, accordingly he made him ſome pills in a box and he paid him, I ſaw him.

Q. Has your ſon any books?

A. He has a little library.

Q. When Mr. Watſon went away what became of your ſon?

A. He went to bed with me, he had not been in bed half an hour before the alarm of fire was.

Q. How long was it before he got up?

A. half an hour I believe, and he got up and ſaid there was a fire, ſays he, I will run and ſee it, I ſaid do not go for you may be hurt, he ſaid he would take care not to be hurt, and he would not ſtay long.

Q. Do you know the time he returned?

A. No I cannot ſay I do for I had been aſleep, for I had no light.

Q. Did he return to bed? A. He did.

Q. Was he in bed with you when you awoke?

A. He was.

Q. What became of him on the Sunday?

A. He was at home all day on Sunday, and until Monday

Monday paſt 9 till I went to my office?

Q. Who was your ſon apprentice too;

A. Mr. Cowley, he is dead, ſince then he has lived with me; Mr. Cowley was a Surgeon and Apothecary I gave 50 guineas with him and all expences?

Q. Was your ſon a ſtudious and attentive young man?

A. Oh very, he underſtood Latin very well and the Annotomical ſcience, ſometimes for three weeks together he was ſtudying in his profeſſion and compoſing things.

Croſs examined by Mr. Garrow. Mr. Jobbins, in the courſe of my life, I never had ſo painful a duty as at preſent. How far do you live from the Nag's-head, in Alderſgate-ſtreet?

A. I do not know where it is, I never go to a public houſe.

Q. Did you know the premiſes that were burnt down?

A. I do not know the ſituation, nor who lives there.

Q. Am I to underſtand, that knowing for two months paſt your ſon has been in cuſtody upon a charge that was to affect his life, you ſhould never had the curioſity to ſee the place where he was ſuppoſed to be.

A. Oh ſir! I ſee it every day.

Q. So I thought. How far it that place from your dwelling-houſe?

A. About 100 yards, or 120, 130, 140, or 150.

Q. Did you get up when your ſon got up, and look out of the window?

A. I did, and ſaw the fire very plain, I thought it was nearer than it was; I thought it was within 50, 60, or 100 yards.

Q. So that I am to underſtand, you being awoke out of your ſleep by a fire within 50, 60, or 100 yards,

you repoſed yourſelf into ſuch a ſleep that your ſon came to bed to you without waking you. Was you awake when he came home?

A. I do not know that I was awake, for I fell aſleep, and he came home, at what time he came home I do not know.

Q. Did you compoſe yourſelf at a diſtance of 50, 60, or 100 yards of ſuch a fire as that in Alderſgate-ſtreet, ſo that you got at laſt into ſuch a ſleep that a man came to bed to you without waking you?

A. I do not ſay but I might awake, I ſay what time it was I could not tell becauſe I had not light enough to ſee by my watch, whether I had or not I did not look.

Q. Was you, or was you not awake when your ſon came home?

A. He awaked me when he came to bed.

Q. He did? A. Yes.

Q. Then he undreſſed himſelf in your preſence?

A. Yes, he did.

Q. You remember the fact of his coming to bed?

A. Certainly.

Q. What time was it?

A. I cannot tell.

Q. Did you enter into any converſation with him?

A. Why yes, I aſked him where was the fire, he ſaid in Alderſgate-ſtreet.

Q. Then you now perfectly recollect your ſon's coming to bed? A. Yes.

Q. Then the reaſon you did not look at your watch was, becauſe you had not light enough to ſee it?

A. I do not know that was the reaſon; I did not look; there might be light enough, I paid no attention to the time.

Q. What age is your ſon? A. Nineteen.

Q. How long did he ſerve Mr. Cowley?

A. Two years and an half.

Q. And continued with him till his death.

A. Yes, within a very little.

Q. Then it was not the death of his maſter that occaſioned him to leave Mr. Cowley.

A. No ſir, it was not; I thought his maſter uſed him ill, and had not practice ſufficient for him, therefore I took him away. I went to St. Bartholomew's hoſpital to treat with a gentleman; ſurgeon Sharp ſaid he would give me an anſwer, to take my ſon if he did not take another.

Q. How long, in truth, after he left Mr. Cowley, did he continue to live with you? A. Two years.

Q. Did you, in truth, take this young man from his ſervice at the age of 17, and continue him in your houſe as his own maſter for two years? A. Yes.

Q. Had he any body to controul him there?

A. I was his father.

Q. You was pretty much from home?

A. I went out at 8 or 9, ſometimes 10, or 11 to my duty, and had done by 2, or half an hour after 3.

Q. Did you hold no other converſation with him on his coming to bed, but where the fire was?

A. I did not aſk him many queſtions. I aſked him when I got up.

Q. You did not aſk even whether it was a large fire. A. He told me it was.

Q. Did you aſk him if any lives had been loſt?

A. He told me he had heard of none.

Q. Did he appear to have been very active?

A. No, Sir, not to my knowledge.

Q. Had you the curioſity to aſk him what time it was.

A. I did not aſk him, nor I did not know.

Q. He was a very ſtudious young man?

A. Very ſtudious as to learning.

Q. He was not addicted to drinking or ſmoaking?

A. I.

A. I never heard him ſwear, nor ever ſaw him drunk.

Q. Did he ſmoak? A. He did ſmoak ſometimes.

Q. What, at home? A. Yes.

Q. You and he uſed to ſmoak together?

A. I never ſmoaked or chewed.

Q. You never made any objection to his ſmoaking.

A. Never, he took it for the tooth ach.

Q. Did he ſmoak a pipe moſt nights when he went to bed?

A. No, Sir, not moſt nights, only now and then; but if there was ſtrong beer and ſmall together, he uſed to drink ſmall.

Q. He drank ſmall beer with his pipe to chuſe?

A. Yes; when he wanted any beer he uſed to fetch it from the chandlers ſhop.

Q. Of courſe, as you never objected to his ſmoaking, you never could have told any body that you did not like his ſmoaking?

A. Not I; I ſaid to nobody but himſelf; I ſaid to him, you are a young man, why do you ſmoak? O, ſays he, it does my teeth good.

Q. That was all the objection you made? A. Yes.

Q. You never told any body elſe?

A. I might ſay, that is a ſilly boy to ſmoak ſo young.

Q. You never ſaid that to Mr. Watſon, did you?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Then this young man was not driven to go out, becauſe you did not like he ſhould ſmoke at home? A. That he was not.

Q. Did not you think that he ſtaid at this White-horſe Cellar? A. He ſtaid too long I thought.

Q. Did you know much of his patients, or the company he kept.

A. I knew little of them; I never troubled myſelf with

with them; I never ſaw Flindall nor Lowe, nor Barnard, till this affair.

Q. Was your ſon's library in the ſame room he compounded his Medicines in; where did he keep his books.

A. In a book-caſe that coſt me ſixteen guineas; he had a key of it.

Q. Had he other books in that library beſides medical books.

A. He had his ſchool-books; he was ſix years at St. Paul's School.

Q. Did you hand Mr. Watſon the book, or did he help himſelf.

A. The book, the pills.

Q. No, the Book.

A. I never handed him a book in my life.

Q. Did he ever take a book. A. He never did.

Q. He had no book the night he was waiting for your ſon. A. If he had he had it from my ſon.

Q. If he had you muſt have ſeen it. A. I muſt.

Q. How did you and he while away the time while he was waiting for your ſon.

A. Spent our time as any body elſe would do, ſat by the fire ſide and talk; I was reading, I believe, in *Quince's* Diſpenſatory, or ſome other book; I cannot tell what I was reading.

Q. If any body has ſaid that Watſon took a medicinal book out of the library, that is not true, I never ſaid ſo; I do not know what I ſaid. Suppoſe a book laid here, he might take it up and look at it.

Q. Had he any intention of going abroad?

A. None at all that I know of; except when the war broke out, he ſaid he wiſhed he was able to paſs his examination, he would go as ſurgeon's mate; he was gone as an aſſiſtant ſurgeon, as he told me; I do not mean to ſwear that it was ſo.

Q. Do,

Q. Do not you know that he went as a common foremaſt man? A. Yes.

Q. By what name?

A. George Burne; and his reaſon was, becauſe I ſhould not know he had entered into any regular liſt; he told me he was going.

A. Did you find him any medicine cheſt to take with him?

A. I found him a bottle of ſix or ſeven pounds worth of antiſcorbutic drops, and a few inſtruments, and a bed and bedding, and ſhirts and trowſers, and ſuch things of the beſt ſort.

Q. Do you mean to ſwear, that you knew he had entered by the name of Burne?

A. I did not know it till he wrote to me by the name of Burne for money.

FOR THE PRISONER LOWE.

Edward Lowe ſworn.

I am the father of the young man at the bar; I am a turner, No. 8, Bridgewater Gardens; I employed my ſon, and paid him wages, and did ſo the whole of the week this affair happened; I paid him that Saturday 20s. between nine and ten; I returned home at that time; he does not live with me; he has a wife to ſupport; I know he was at work at eight that Saturday night, becauſe my work was not finiſhed when I went out, which was about eight, and when I returned it was; when I went out, I ſaid to him, Ned, get on with this job for next week, but I did not examine it on my return; he ſometimes might earn 20s. 25s. 30s. or 15s. a week, juſt as he pleaſed.

Mr. Fielding. Q. Do you know who lodged with him?

A. I underſtand, Flindall.

Mr. Fielding. I will not aſk you any thing more; you may ſit down, poor man.

Wm.

Wm. Chum, who lived oppoſite depoſed.

That he had ſeen him at work early and lately, and never heard any thing amiſs of him. *Thomas Porter* gave him a good character, when he knew him which was not within theſe 12 months; and *Mary Field*, who had known him theſe 14 years, gave him a good character, and Flindall, and Flindall's father and Mother, a very bad one.

The Recorder ſummed up the evidence; when he had finiſhed, *Mr. Lawes* informed the Court, that there was no deſcription of the local ſituation of the houſe; no pro of of the pariſh in which the houſe was ſituated: but the objection was over ruled by the Court, it being ſufficient that the houſe was within its juriſdiction; and beſides, that it had been proved by ſeveral witneſſes, that the houſe was ſituate in Alderſgate-ſtreet, and the Jury might find the pariſh of their own knowledge.

The Jury conferred a ſhort time, and without going out of Court, returned their verdict, that the two priſoners were *guilty*. *Death*.

THE END.